In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 15 as follows.

1.   (Amended)   An image processing method, comprising:

judging whether correction of image data of a color image is necessary based on a quality of sunset scene, the color image covered with a specific color, contrast and sharpness of the whole area of the image data; and

performing a predetermined correction processing on at least a portion of the color image based on the judgment of the quality of the image data.

8.   (Amended) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

a memory which stores an image data of a color image;

a judge section which judges whether correction of the color image based on a quality of sunset scene, the color image being covered with a specific color, contrast and sharpness of the whole area of the image data; and

a correct section which performs a predetermined correction processing on at least a portion of the color image based on a judgment of the quality of the image data by the judge section.

15.   (Amended) A recording medium with a recorded program, the program performing:

judging whether correction of image data of a color image is necessary based on a quality of sunset scene, the color image being covered with a specific color, contrast and sharpness of the whole area of the image data; and

performing a predetermined correction processing on at least a portion of the color image based on the judgment of the quality of the image data.